Information regarding the coronavirus

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Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz is closely monitoring the spread of coronavirus and understands the gravity of the associated risks. In order to assess the situation and determine preventative measures, we refer to the detailed information and recommendations as laid out by the RKI (Robert Koch Institute) and the Federal Ministry of Health. At the present time, we wish to highlight the following measures:

- personal hand hygiene and the observance of cough and sneeze etiquette. The Federal Centre for Health Education provides appropriate information, especially hygiene tips, at https://www.infektionsschutz.de/. JGU makes sure that soap and paper towel dispensers are regularly restocked and our cleaning services have been informed accordingly. Please direct any information about defective soap dispensers directly to the central services.

- regular information about high-risk areas and possibilities for individual prevention. We refer to the RKI, the Federal Ministry of Health, and the Rhineland-Palatinate’s Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour, Health and Demography.

- avoiding business trips to high-risk areas as identified by the RKI. Travel to these areas must be carefully considered and the respective departments reserve the right to refuse such trips.

- protection of employees who belong to high-risk groups, due to a previous illness or general immune deficiency. With the agreement of their supervisor(s), and taking into account the requirements of the job, these employees may temporarily work at home until further notice.

- if employees are showing symptoms of illness, they are asked to contact their family doctor by telephone for further diagnostic clarification.

Given the current situation, lectures in the coming summer semester will be held as planned. Decisions pertaining to the organization of major events at JGU will be made on a case-by-case basis, depending on the given situation. Learning and Teaching has drawn up general regulations for students who are unable to attend lectures or take exams due to the coronavirus. The university management has also established a task force so we can react at any time.